

FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 7, 2017

Agenda Item: 2018-2019 Black Bear, Mountain Lion and Wolf Hunting Seasons, Quota Ranges, HD Boundaries and Quotas

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

Background

Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted biennially for most game species. This happens every other year between December and final adoptions in February.

There are no proposed changes to wolf regulations. FWP proposes two changes to black bear and mountain lion regulations:

- 1) Black Bear BMU 700: Increase spring quota from 2 to 4
- 2) Mountain Lion HD 124: Increase quota from 5 (male subquota 2) to 7 (male subquota 2)

Except for calendar rotation, all other elements of the 2017 regulations are to remain unchanged. All these changes are referenced in the Commission Master List and justifications are found in the Commission Packet.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Comments were received during the Aug. 20 – Sept. 21 public scoping. There were few comments about black bears, but several about too many lions. Wolf comments varied from anti-wolf to pro-wolf. In addition to public comment on proposed season structure changes taken during the Dec. 7 commission meeting, public comment will run through 5 p.m. Jan. 24, 2018. Any final adoptions will take place at the Feb. 2018 commission meeting.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2017 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

Rationale for individual proposals is included in Commission information packets and may be further articulated at the Dec. 7 commission meeting.

Proposed Motion

I move the commission adopt for public comment the 2018 and 2019 Black Bear, Mountain Lion and Wolf Hunting Seasons and Hunting Districts as presented by FWP, and that all other aspects of these seasons remain unchanged.